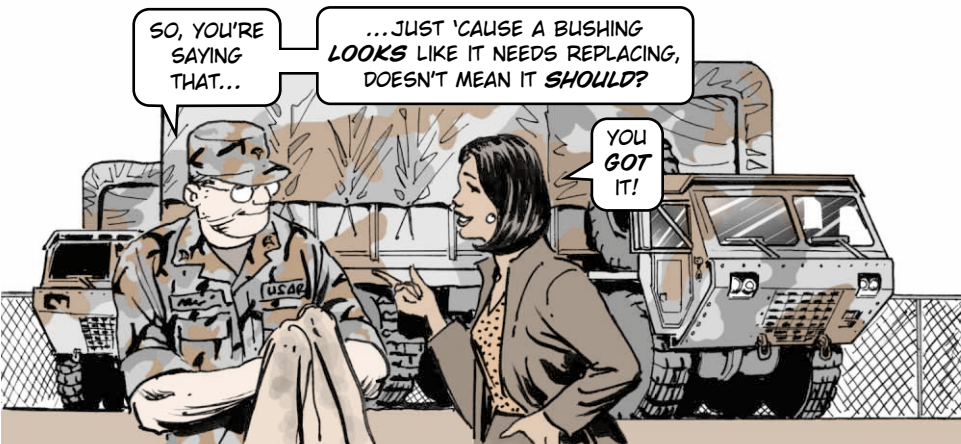


Bushings Worn? Maybe Not

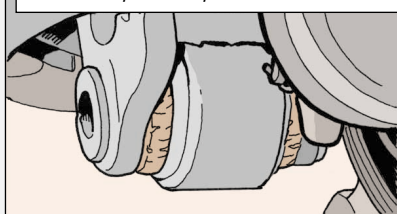


Mechanics for PLS tractors and HEMTTs, take note: Cracked or wrinkled paint alone does not identify equalizer beam bushing wear. Neither does a minor cut or two.

Yet many PLS tractors and HEMTTs wind up job-ordered to support for equalizer beam (walker beam) bushing replacement because of paint cracks and wrinkles, or minor cuts and gouges.

Cracked or wrinkled paint can make bushings look like they're dry rotted when they're not. Cuts and gouges can make them look ready for the scrap heap when they're really OK.

Paint cracks, wrinkles, minor cuts are OK...



...but movement or wallowing is not OK



But never send your PLS tractors or HEMTTs to support for bushing replacement unless you detect movement in the bushings. If they are turning (look for signs of movement against the beam bore) or wallowing (the bushing is narrower in some spots than others), they're shot. Otherwise, keep on truckin'.